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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR INHIBITING APOPTOSIS USING SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS

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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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	WILLIAM W. MOORE	1656	

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *the amendment filed 17 November 2009 and the interview conducted 27 January 2010*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *33-40 and 42-53*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
   a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
      1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
      2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
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1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/William W. Moore/
Examiner, Art Unit 1656

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. All allowed claims are included below, whether or not amended, to assist the printer.

Amend claims 33, 34, 27, 39, 43, 44, 47, and 49 thus:

33. (Previously Presented) A method of treating ~~arthritis,~~ muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, arteriosclerosis, ~~autoimmune disease, ischemia-reperfusion injury,~~ neurodegenerative disease, myocardial infarction, or stroke in a subject in need of such a treatment, said method comprising: inhibiting apoptosis in the subject by administering ~~at least once daily and no more than once hourly~~ a therapeutically effective amount of α_1-antitrypsin, an oxidation-resistant α_1-antitrypsin Met358 variant or a free radical-resistant α_1-antitrypsin M358 variant.

34. (Amended) The method of Claim 33, wherein the effective amount of α_1-antitrypsin, an oxidation-resistant α_1-antitrypsin Met358 variant, or a free radical-resistant α_1-antitrypsin M358 variant is at least 0.001 g/kg body weight and no greater than 1 g/kg ~~70 g/kg~~ body weight.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, further comprising administering at least one free radical scavenger or inhibitor.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, in which the subject is a human.

37. (Amended) The method of Claim 33, in which the therapeutically effective amount is sufficient to provide at least 5 nanograms per milliliter and no greater than 10 milligrams per milliliter ~~10 pM and no greater than 2 mM~~ of the α_1-antitrypsin, an oxidation-resistant α_1-antitrypsin Met358 variant, or a free radical-resistant α_1-antitrypsin M358 variant inhibitor in the biological fluid of the subject.

38. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 37, in which the biological fluid is blood.

39. (Amended) The method of Claim 37, in which the therapeutically effective amount is sufficient to provide at least 0.5 μM and no greater than 100 μM ~~2000 μM~~ in the biological fluid of the subject.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, in which the administering is parenterally, orally, vaginally, rectally, nasally, buccally, intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously, intrathecally, epidurally, transdermally, intracerebroventricularly, by osmotic pump, by inhalation, or combinations thereof.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 33, wherein the neurodegenerative disease is Alzheimer's disease or Downs Syndrome.

43. (Currently Amended) A method for treating ~~a arthritic,~~ muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, arteriosclerosis, ~~autoimmune disease, ischemia-reperfusion injury,~~ neurodegenerative disease, myocardial infarction, or stroke in a subject in need of such a treatment, said method comprising administering ~~at least once daily and no more than once hourly~~ to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of α_1-antitrypsin, an oxidation-resistant α_1-antitrypsin Met358 variant or a free radical-resistant α_1-antitrypsin M358 variant.

44. (Amended) The method of Claim 43, wherein the effective amount of α_1-antitrypsin, an oxidation-resistant α_1-antitrypsin Met358 variant, or a free radical-resistant α_1-antitrypsin M358 variant is at least 0.001 g/kg body weight and no greater than 1 g/kg ~~70 g/kg~~ body weight.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 43, further comprising administering at least one free radical scavenger or inhibitor.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 43, in which the subject is a human.

47. (Amended) The method of Claim 43, in which the therapeutically effective amount is sufficient to provide at least 5 nanograms per milliliter and no greater than 10 milligrams per milliliter ~~10 pM and no greater than 2 mM~~ of the α_1-antitrypsin, an oxidation-resistant α_1-antitrypsin Met358 variant, or a free radical-resistant α_1-antitrypsin M358 variant inhibitor in the biological fluid of the subject.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 47, in which the biological fluid is blood.

49. (Amended) The method of Claim 47, in which the therapeutically effective amount is sufficient to provide at least 0.5 μM and no greater than 100 μM ~~2000 μM~~ in the biological fluid of the subject.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 43, in which the administering is parenterally, orally, vaginally, rectally, nasally, buccally, intravenously, intramuscularly, subcutaneously,

intrathecally, epidurally, transdermally, intracerebroventricularly, by osmotic pump, by inhalation, or combinations thereof.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 43, wherein the neurodegenerative disease is Alzheimer's disease or Down's Syndrome.

Add the new claims 52 and 53.

52. (New) The method of claim 33, in which the therapeutically effective amount is administered at least once daily and no more than once hourly.

53. (New) The method of claim 43, in which the therapeutically effective amount is administered at least once daily and no more than once hourly.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr.Don D. Cha on 27 January 2010.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's amendment to the specification, deleting Figure 1 and making the former Figure 2 the Figure 1 of the application, overcomes the objection of record made at pages 4 and 5 of the communication mailed 29 May 2009, and the objection is WITHDRAWN. Claims 33 and 43 are amended above to remove three of the recited medical conditions that are implicated by the prior art cited in the communication mailed 29 May 2009 as well as to remove recitations of a range of schedules for administration of an α_1-antitrypsin inhibitor [AAT] in favor of stating this range in the new claims 52 and 53. Claims 34, 37, 39, 44, 47, and 49 are amended above to more particularly indicate the effective physiological concentrations of the intended subject matter, i.e., treatment with a polypeptide inhibitor, described in disclosures found at page 7, line 17, and lines 23-31, of the specification. Thus claims 33-40 and 42-53 are allowed herewith.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William W. Moore whose telephone number is 571.272.0933 and whose FAX number is 571.273.0933. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday between 9:00AM and 5:30PM EST. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisory Primary Examiner, Manjuanth Rao, can be reached at 571.272.0939. The official FAX number for all communications for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571.272.1600.

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Examiner, Art Unit 1656

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